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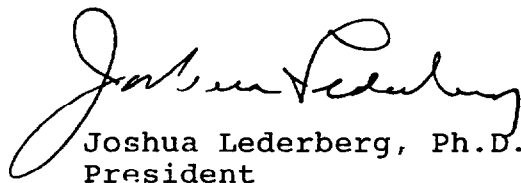
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The New York Academy of Sciences has received notification that Dr. Vil Mirzayanov will be brought to trial for actions protected under international agreements and required under ethical standards of scientific responsibility.

We ask your Academy to join us in demanding that charges against Dr. Mirzayanov be dropped. At the very least international observers should be permitted to attend the trial on January 24, 1994.

The freedom on the part of scientists to call the attention of the world to possible transgressions on the part of elements of their government is an elementary part of scientific freedom. The abuse of that freedom also undermines the foundations of confidence in the trustworthiness of governments in their international relations.



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